

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE

Bills to be Signed by the Governor on April 12, 2011

SB 182

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE ACT OF 2011

Establishing the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange as a public corporation and an independent unit of State government; establishing the purposes, powers, and duties of the Exchange; establishing the Board of Trustees of the Exchange; providing for the qualifications, appointment, term, and removal of members of the Board; establishing the powers and duties of the Board; requiring the Board to appoint an Executive Director of the Exchange, with the approval of the Governor, and to determine the Executive Director's compensation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 166

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 183**The President (By Request – Administration), et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL LAW**

Altering the circumstances under which a person has the right to a hearing and the right to an appeal from an action of the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; requiring the Commissioner to file specified documents in a court in which a specified appeal is pending; providing that provisions of federal law apply to specified health insurance coverage issued or delivered by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations; authorizing the Commissioner to enforce specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 170**The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL LAW**

Altering the circumstances under which a person has the right to a hearing and the right to an appeal from an action of the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; requiring the Commissioner to file specified documents in a court in which a specified appeal is pending; providing that provisions of federal law apply to specified health insurance coverage issued or delivered by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations; authorizing the Commissioner to enforce provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 1**Senator Middleton, et al****JOINT COMMITTEE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFIT AND INSURANCE OVERSIGHT – MEMBERSHIP**

Expanding the membership of the Joint Committee on Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight to include a representative from a self-insured local government entity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 9**Senator Glassman, et al****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL CLASS C-3 MISCELLANEOUS ORGANIZATION OR CLUB LICENSE**

Establishing a special Class C-3 (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor license in Harford County; specifying that the County Liquor Control Board may issue a special Class C-3 license only to specified organizations and clubs; authorizing a special Class C-3 license holder to sell or provide alcoholic beverages to specified persons for consumption on the licensed premises under specified circumstances; establishing specified annual fees for a special Class C-3 license; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 32**Senator Reilly****AGRICULTURE – PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE – EXCLUSIONS**

Adding trimming and maintaining horse hooves by a farrier or a specified person to the list of activities that are excluded from the definition of the practice of veterinary medicine.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 44**Senator Middleton****QUALIFIED STATE LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM – REPORTING**

Clarifying the scope of a specified report on the Qualified State Long-Term Care Insurance Partnership Program.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 226**Delegate Cullison, et al****QUALIFIED STATE LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM – REPORTING**

Clarifying the scope of a specified report on the Qualified State Long-Term Care Insurance Partnership Program.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 55 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board)

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL BOARDS – MEMBERSHIP

Increasing from 1 to 3 the number of alternate members of the property tax assessment appeal boards for Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 56 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

HEALTH INSURANCE – EVALUATION OF QUALITY OF CARE AND PERFORMANCE OF HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS

Altering the requirements for and purposes of a specified system that the Maryland Health Care Commission is required to establish and implement; requiring the system to comparatively evaluate the quality of care and performance of specified categories of health benefit plans; establishing that a purpose of the system is to assist specified health insurance carriers to improve care; requiring the system to solicit performance information from specified enrollees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 58 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – JUDICIAL REVIEW OF BOARD OF APPEALS DECISION – PASSAGE OF ORDER

Repealing the requirement that the Board of Appeals pass an order in accordance with a final decision in a judicial review proceeding; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 59 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)

INSURANCE – COMPANY ACTION LEVEL EVENTS – HEALTH INSURERS

Specifying when a company action level event occurs for a health insurer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- SB 60** **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – ADMINISTRATION OF CLAIMS – CHANGES TO WITHHOLDING STATUS
Repealing the limitation on the number of times per benefit year a claimant for unemployment insurance benefits may change a previously elected withholding status.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 61** **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)**
PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – DOCUMENTS RELATING TO ARREST WARRANTS
Expanding access by the Department of Juvenile Services to files and records of a court relating to arrest warrants and charging documents; repealing redundant authority that allows access by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to specified documents relating to arrest warrants and charging documents; providing that provisions of law prohibiting inspection of specified court files relating to arrest warrants and charging documents may not be construed to prohibit specified release of information; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 62** **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)**
JUVENILE AND EDUCATION RECORDS – DISCLOSURE BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND JUVENILE SERVICES
Authorizing the State Department of Education and the Department of Juvenile Services to share education records with each other when necessary to ensure the appropriate delivery of services.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 66** **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM CENTRAL REPOSITORY – REPORTABLE EVENTS
Repealing the requirement that the release of a person after arrest without the filing of a charge be reported to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 67**Senators Edwards and Mathias****MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND –
SMALL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE – PROHIBITION**

Specifying that a provision of law relating to the use of proceeds received by the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund and credited to a specified account does not apply to residential customers of a small rural electric cooperative; and requiring small rural electric cooperatives to distribute in a specified way money held as of June 1, 2011, in a specified escrow account.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 281**Delegates Beitzel and Conway****MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND –
SMALL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE – PROHIBITION**

Specifying that a provision of law relating to the use of proceeds received by the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund and credited to a specified account does not apply to residential customers of a small rural electric cooperative; and requiring small rural electric cooperatives to distribute in a specified way money held as of June 1, 2011, in a specified escrow account.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 80**Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)****TREE EXPERT LICENSE – APPLICATION AND RENEWAL**

Repealing specified fees for obtaining and renewing tree expert licenses; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to set specified tree expert application and license renewal fees by regulation; authorizing the Department to establish a specified timetable and procedure for tree expert license renewal by regulation; and terminating the Act at the end of September 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 81 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)

HIGHER EDUCATION – ASSISTANCE EFFORTS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM RECIPIENTS – REPEAL

Repealing a requirement that the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Department of Human Resources identify, promote, and coordinate specified efforts and services and undertake specified activities at institutions of higher education related to recipients of Family Investment Program services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 82 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Comptroller)

COMMERCIAL LAW – SALES OF UNPACKAGED CIGARETTES – PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES

Prohibiting specified persons from purchasing, selling, reselling, distributing, dispensing, or giving away to any person in the State specified unpackaged cigarettes; establishing penalties for a violation of provisions of the Act; defining the term “unpackaged cigarette”; and stating that provisions of the Act do not apply to an individual who produces unpacked cigarettes in a specified manner for his or her own consumption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 83 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS – AUTHORITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS – SUNSET REPEAL

Repealing the termination date for a provision of law authorizing local governments to take specified actions to support, foster, or promote an affordable housing program for individuals or families of low or moderate income.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 93 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Continuing the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2017, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; altering the membership of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board be performed on or before July 1, 2016; and requiring the Board to make a specified report on or before October 1, 2011.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 101 Senator Edwards

BUSINESS REGULATION – MOTOR FUEL ADVERTISING SIGNS – REQUIREMENTS

Repealing the requirement that specified retail service station dealers advertise a price of mid-grade gasoline sold on the premises; repealing an obsolete provision of law relating to the sale of gasohol; authorizing signs to state a price for specified motor fuel products sold on the premises; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 115 Senator Robey, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR CRUELTY – CONDITIONS OF PROBATION

Authorizing a court, as a condition of probation for specified violations concerning animal abuse, neglect, or cruelty, to prohibit the defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with an animal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 227 Delegate Waldstreicher, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR CRUELTY – CONDITIONS OF PROBATION

Authorizing a court, as a condition of probation for specified violations concerning animal abuse, neglect, or cruelty, to prohibit the defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with an animal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 132

Senator Pugh, et al**JOB APPLICANT FAIRNESS ACT**

Prohibiting employers from using an applicant's or employee's credit report or credit history in determining whether to deny employment to the applicant, discharge the employee, or determine compensation or the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment; authorizing an employer to request or use an applicant's or employee's credit report or credit history under specified circumstances; authorizing an applicant or employee to file a written complaint with the Commissioner of Labor and Industry for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 87

Delegate Reznik, et al**JOB APPLICANT FAIRNESS ACT**

Prohibiting employers from using an applicant's or employee's credit report or credit history in determining whether to deny employment to the applicant, discharge the employee, or determine compensation or the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment; authorizing an employer to request or use an applicant's or employee's credit report or credit history under specified circumstances; authorizing an applicant or employee to file a written complaint with the Commissioner of Labor and Industry for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 143

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**HOME INSPECTORS – RECORDS – RETENTION REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring licensed home inspectors to retain specified records for a specified period of time under specified circumstances; and requiring licensed home inspectors to make specified records available to the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors on request of the Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 145 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Comptroller)**

**MOTOR FUEL TAX – PERSONAL LIABILITY – LIMITED
LIABILITY COMPANIES AND LIMITED LIABILITY
PARTNERSHIPS**

Establishing personal liability of persons who exercise specified control over the fiscal management of limited liability companies and limited liability partnerships for payment of the motor fuel tax, interest, and penalties under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 169 Senator Ramirez

**BANKRUPTCY – HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION – DEBTOR'S
RESIDENCE**

Altering a homestead exemption that an individual may claim in a specified bankruptcy proceeding; clarifying that the exemption for an individual debtor's aggregate interest in owner-occupied real property includes a condominium unit; and authorizing an individual debtor to exempt the debtor's aggregate interest in a cooperative housing corporation that owns property that the owner occupies as a residence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 191 Senator Edwards

**REAL PROPERTY – OBLITERATING, DAMAGING, OR
REMOVING PROPERTY MARKERS – PENALTY INCREASE**

Increasing from \$500 to \$2,500 the penalty for willfully obliterating, damaging, or removing any stake, marker, monument, or other landmark set in the property of another person by any civil engineer, surveyor, or real estate appraiser or any of their assistants except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 117 Delegate Beitzel**REAL PROPERTY – OBLITERATING, DAMAGING, OR REMOVING PROPERTY MARKERS – PENALTY INCREASE**

Increasing from \$500 to \$2,500 the penalty for willfully obliterating, damaging, or removing any stake, marker, monument, or other landmark set in the property of another person by any civil engineer, surveyor, or real estate appraiser or any of their assistants except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 192 Harford County Senators**HARFORD COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP**

Increasing to five the number of regular members of the Harford County Board of Elections; requiring the members of the local board to be of specified political parties; requiring a vacancy on the local board to be filled in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 6, 2011

SB 205 Senator Frosh**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FORECLOSURE PROCEDURES – ACCURACY OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO FORECLOSE**

Requiring that an affidavit regarding the accuracy of the contents of a specified intent to foreclose be included in an order to docket or a complaint to foreclose on a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 366 Delegate Niemann**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FORECLOSURE PROCEDURES – ACCURACY OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO FORECLOSE**

Requiring that an affidavit regarding the accuracy of the contents of a specified intent to foreclose be included in an order to docket or a complaint to foreclose on a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 217**Senator Kelley****LIFE INSURANCE AND ANNUITIES – RETAINED ASSET ACCOUNTS – BENEFICIARIES’ BILL OF RIGHTS**

Prohibiting an insurer from offering a specified retained asset account as the mode of settlement of proceeds payable under a life insurance policy or annuity contract unless the insurer makes a specified offer and complies with specified disclosure requirements; requiring an insurer to disclose in writing to a beneficiary all the settlement options available under a specified policy or contract under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 218**Senator Shank****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS – INTERNAL INVESTIGATION UNIT**

Including the Internal Investigation Unit of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services in the definition of law enforcement officer covered by the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 226**Senator Dyson****BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MEETINGS**

Altering a provision of law relating to the location and frequency of meetings of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 255**Senator Middleton****LIFE INSURANCE – DEFINITION AND PERMITTED RIDERS AND PROVISIONS**

Expanding the definition of “life insurance” to include specified benefits; authorizing a policy of life insurance to include a rider or supplemental policy provision that safeguards the contract from lapse in the event of involuntary unemployment; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a specified analysis and make a specified determination; and requiring the Administration to report on specified findings to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2011.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 496 Delegate A. Kelly, et al**LIFE INSURANCE – DEFINITION AND PERMITTED RIDERS AND PROVISIONS**

Expanding the definition of “life insurance” to include specified benefits; authorizing a policy of life insurance to include a rider or supplemental policy provision that safeguards the contract from lapse in the event of involuntary unemployment; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a specified analysis and make a specified determination; and requiring the Administration to report on specified findings to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2011.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 256 Senators Middleton and Kelley**BUSINESS REGULATION – DEFINITION OF HOME BUILDER**

Altering the definition of “home builder” to include a person who enters into a contract with a consumer under which the person agrees to provide the consumer with a new home; excluding from the definition of “home builder” a real estate developer who does not enter into contracts with consumers to provide or construct homes; and excluding from the definition of “home builder” a buyer’s agent representing a prospective buyer in the purchase of a new home.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1041 Delegate Vaughn, et al**BUSINESS REGULATION – DEFINITION OF HOME BUILDER**

Altering the definition of “home builder” to include a person who enters into a contract with a consumer under which the person agrees to provide the consumer with a new home; excluding from the definition of “home builder” a real estate developer who does not enter into contracts with consumers to provide or construct homes; and excluding from the definition of “home builder” a buyer’s agent representing a prospective buyer in the purchase of a new home.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 269**Senator Kittleman, et al****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – JURISDICTION PENDING APPEAL – PROPOSED SETTLEMENT**

Expanding the circumstances under which the Workers' Compensation Commission retains jurisdiction pending an appeal of a Commission order to include a request for approval of a proposed settlement of all or part of a claim.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 453**Delegates Jameson and Minnick****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – JURISDICTION PENDING APPEAL – PROPOSED SETTLEMENT**

Expanding the circumstances under which the Workers' Compensation Commission retains jurisdiction pending an appeal of a Commission order to include a request for approval of a proposed settlement of all or part of a claim.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 271**Senator Edwards****PUBLIC UTILITIES – NET ENERGY METERING – HYDROELECTRIC**

Including in the definition of eligible customer–generators that are eligible for net energy metering a customer that uses a specified type of hydroelectric generating facility; and defining “closed conduit hydro”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 278**Senator Colburn****JUVENILE LAW – TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM – TALBOT COUNTY**

Authorizing the Circuit Administrative Judge of the Second Circuit to establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Talbot County; and making provisions relating to Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs applicable to Talbot County.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 49**Delegates Haddaway–Riccio and Eckardt****JUVENILE LAW – TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM – TALBOT COUNTY**

Authorizing the Circuit Administrative Judge of the Second Circuit to establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Talbot County; and making provisions relating to Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs applicable to Talbot County.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 283**Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation) and Senator Middleton****STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS – RETIRED STATUS LICENSES**

Authorizing the State Board of Architects to issue retired status licenses to licensed architects under specified circumstances; prohibiting the holder of a retired status license from engaging in the practice of architecture; authorizing the holder of a retired status license to use the designation “architect emeritus”; and authorizing the Board to reactivate a license to practice architecture for an individual holding a retired status license under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 284**Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)****EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RECORDS – COLLECTION, MAINTENANCE, ANALYSIS, AND REPORTING**

Altering the Maryland high school graduation rate formula and ethnic and racial categories in the formula to be consistent with specified federal regulations and guidelines; defining “four–year adjusted cohort”; and repealing an annual reporting requirement.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 288 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

HIGHER EDUCATION – CULTURAL DIVERSITY PROGRAMS – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Altering the dates by which specified institutions of higher education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission must submit specified reports on the promotion and enhancement of cultural diversity at institutions of higher education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 292 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION – FALSIFIED TRANSCRIPTS, DIPLOMAS, AND GRADE REPORTS – PENALTIES

Prohibiting a person from falsely altering, causing or procuring to be falsely altered, or willingly aiding or assisting in falsely altering a transcript, diploma, or grade report of an institution of postsecondary education; prohibiting a person from knowingly buying, selling, or distributing a false, forged, counterfeited, or altered transcript, diploma, or grade report; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 299 **Senator Jennings, et al**

WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE – INVESTIGATION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Adding specified human trafficking offenses to those crimes for which evidence may be gathered by, and a judge may grant an order authorizing, interception of oral, wire, or electronic communications.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 345 **Delegate Simmons, et al**

WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE – INVESTIGATION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Adding specified human trafficking offenses to those crimes for which evidence may be gathered by, and a judge may grant an order authorizing, interception of oral, wire, or electronic communications.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- SB 322** **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS – REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN
Altering the definition of the term “practice of veterinary medicine” to exclude specified procedures performed by a registered veterinary technician under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 342** **Senators Ramirez and Forehand**
PEACE ORDERS – EXTENSION OF DURATION
Authorizing a judge to extend the term of a final peace order under specified circumstances after a specified notice and a hearing.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 667** **Delegate Lee, et al**
PEACE ORDERS – EXTENSION OF DURATION
Authorizing a judge to extend the term of a final peace order under specified circumstances after a specified notice and a hearing.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 356** **Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY
Altering the criteria used to determine the eligibility of a member of the State Retirement and Pension System to receive service credit for military service so as to require 10 years of service credit in the State Retirement and Pension System through employment as a member of a State system.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 359 **Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – UNCLAIMED
MONEY – FORMER MEMBERS, RETIREES, AND
BENEFICIARIES

Authorizing the State Retirement Agency to post the names of former members, retirees, or beneficiaries of former members or retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System and the last participating employer of the former members or retirees on the State Retirement Agency's Web site if the former members, retirees, or beneficiaries are entitled to unclaimed money from the State Retirement and Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 383 **Senator Mathias**
SOMERSET COUNTY – DEPUTY STATE'S ATTORNEY –
PRIVATE PRACTICE

Repealing a prohibition against the deputy State's Attorney of Somerset County engaging in the private practice of law; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 391 **Senator Shank, et al**
WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINE
FESTIVAL LICENSE

Establishing a special wine festival (WF) license in Washington County; requiring that an applicant for a special WF license must be a holder of another license; specifying that a holder of a special WF license may display and sell wine in a specified manner; providing for a \$20 license fee; authorizing the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to choose 2 weekends annually for wine festivals; requiring the Board to choose specified locations for the wine festivals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 428 **Senator Klausmeier**
MENTAL HYGIENE – ADMISSION PROVISIONS – DEFINITION
OF "PSYCHOLOGIST"

Altering the definition of "psychologist" for purposes of specified provisions of law relating to admissions to specified mental health facilities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 454 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL

Curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 455 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL

Correcting errors and omissions in the Annotated Code and in specified uncodified laws; clarifying language; correcting obsolete references; reorganizing specified provisions of the Annotated Code; ratifying specified corrections made by the publishers of the Annotated Code; providing that the Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; providing for the correction of specified errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 457 Senator Forehand

LAWYERS – BAR ADMISSION REQUIREMENT – EXCEPTION FOR RENT ESCROW PROCEEDINGS

Providing an exception to specified requirements to practice law in the State for a person representing a landlord in a rent escrow proceeding in the District Court of Maryland and for a person representing a tenant in a rent escrow proceeding in the District Court of Maryland under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 653 Delegate Niemann

LAWYERS – BAR ADMISSION REQUIREMENT – EXCEPTION FOR RENT ESCROW PROCEEDINGS

Providing an exception to specified requirements to practice law in the State for a person representing a landlord in a rent escrow proceeding in the District Court of Maryland and for a person representing a tenant in a rent escrow proceeding in the District Court of Maryland under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 480**Senators Forehand and Ramirez****COURTS – PEACE ORDERS – PENALTIES**

Altering the penalty, for a second or subsequent offense, for a person who fails to comply with the relief granted in an interim, a temporary, or a final peace order.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 666**Delegate Lee, et al****COURTS – PEACE ORDERS – PENALTIES**

Altering the penalty, for a second or subsequent offense, for a person who fails to comply with the relief granted in an interim, a temporary, or a final peace order.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 500**Senator Getty****CRIMINAL LAW – IDENTITY FRAUD – ASSUMPTION OF IDENTITY OF FICTITIOUS PERSON**

Clarifying that a person is prohibited from knowingly and willfully assuming the identity of a fictitious person to avoid identification, apprehension, or prosecution for a crime, or with fraudulent intent, to get a benefit, credit, good, service, or any other thing of value or to avoid the payment of debt or other legal obligation; and providing penalties for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 408**Delegate McComas, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – IDENTITY FRAUD – ASSUMPTION OF IDENTITY OF FICTITIOUS PERSON**

Clarifying that a person is prohibited from knowingly and willfully assuming the identity of a fictitious person to avoid identification, apprehension, or prosecution for a crime, or with fraudulent intent, to get a benefit, credit, good, service, or any other thing of value or to avoid the payment of debt or other legal obligation; and providing penalties for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 509**Senator Peters****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ETHICS REFORMS**

Specifying that the ethics provisions required to be enacted by Prince George's County shall prohibit a person from lobbying the county government for contingent compensation, prohibit the county government from issuing a credit card to specified officials, prohibit an elected county official from soliciting specified persons to provide a monetary benefit to specified other persons, make specified changes to the board of ethics, and provide for meetings of the board of ethics.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 511**Senator Stone****CRIMINAL LAW – COUNTERFEITING – VENUE**

Including the county in which an alleged counterfeit deed or other instrument is filed or recorded in a specified manner as a venue to prosecute a specified counterfeiting crime or other crime that establishes a specified counterfeiting crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 529**Senator Simonaire, et al****MARYLAND GENERAL AND LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT – MODIFICATIONS**

Establishing that provisions of law relating to durable powers of attorney apply to all powers of attorney; altering the authority of an agent under specified statutory form powers of attorney; providing that specified powers shall be deemed to be included in specified forms; defining “property” and “stocks and bonds”; altering the definition of “statutory form power of attorney”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 247**Delegate Simmons, et al****MARYLAND GENERAL AND LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT – MODIFICATIONS**

Establishing that provisions of law relating to durable powers of attorney apply to all powers of attorney; altering the authority of an agent under specified statutory form powers of attorney; providing that specified powers shall be deemed to be included in specified forms; defining “property” and “stocks and bonds”; altering the definition of “statutory form power of attorney”; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 599**Senator Raskin, et al****COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – PRELITIGATION
DISCOVERY – INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Requiring specified insurers to disclose under specified circumstances the limits of coverage in any insurance agreement under which persons may be liable to satisfy all or part of the claim or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy the claim; requiring disclosure of limits of coverage within 30 days after receipt of a written request for documentation of coverage; providing for procedures; providing that specified persons are not civilly or criminally liable for disclosure of documentation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011**HB 921****Delegate Simmons****COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – PRELITIGATION
DISCOVERY – INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Requiring specified insurers to disclose under specified circumstances the limits of coverage in any insurance agreement under which persons may be liable to satisfy all or part of the claim or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy the claim; providing for procedures; providing that specified persons are not civilly or criminally liable for disclosure of documentation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011**SB 652****Senator Ramirez****PUBLIC SAFETY – USE OF ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES –
REPORTS**

Requiring a law enforcement agency that issues electronic control devices (ECDs) to its law enforcement officers to report annually on or before March 31 to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, information for each time a law enforcement officer discharges an ECD, using a specified format; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to analyze and summarize reports and to submit an annual report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and each law enforcement agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 507**Delegate Branch, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – USE OF ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES – REPORTS**

Requiring a law enforcement agency that issues electronic control devices (ECDs) to its law enforcement officers to report annually on or before March 31 to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, information for each time a law enforcement officer discharges an ECD except during training, using a specified format; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to analyze and summarize reports and to submit an annual report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and each law enforcement agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 673**Senator Frosh****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES – CONTINGENCY FEE**

Authorizing the payment of fees from an estate to an attorney without court approval if the fee is paid to an attorney representing the estate in litigation under a specified contingency fee agreement, the fee does not exceed the terms of the contingency fee agreement, a copy of the contingency fee agreement is on file with the register of wills, and the attorney files a specified statement with each account.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 682**Senator Peters, et al****BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – VETERANS – COORDINATION AND PROVISION OF SERVICES**

Reenacting specified provisions of law that were abrogated as of May 31, 2011, to provide for the continuance of the coordination of specified behavioral health services for specified veterans; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in collaboration with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, the Maryland National Guard, and the Maryland Defense Force, to provide behavioral health services coordination for specified veterans, subject to specified limitations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 793**Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al****BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – VETERANS – COORDINATION AND PROVISION OF SERVICES**

Reenacting specified provisions of law that were abrogated as of May 31, 2011, to provide for the continuance of the coordination of specified behavioral health services for specified veterans; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in collaboration with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, the Maryland National Guard, and the Maryland Defense Force, to provide behavioral health services coordination for specified veterans, subject to specified limitations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 691**Senator Middleton****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – RENEWABLE SOURCE GENERATOR LEAD LINE**

Requiring a person to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity prior to beginning construction in the State of a qualified generator lead line; prohibiting a person from applying for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for specified construction; requiring the Public Service Commission to provide an opportunity for public comment and hold a public hearing on a specified application; requiring the Commission to take a final action on an application only under specified circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 590**Delegate Davis****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – RENEWABLE SOURCE GENERATOR LEAD LINE**

Requiring a person to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity prior to beginning construction in the State of a qualified generator lead line; prohibiting a person from applying for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for specified construction; requiring the Public Service Commission to provide an opportunity for public comment and hold a public hearing on a specified application; requiring the Commission to take a final action on an application only under specified circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 705 **Senator Klausmeier, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – DENTAL PROVIDER CONTRACTS – PROHIBITED PROVISION**

Prohibiting a carrier from including in a dental provider contract a provision that requires a dental provider to provide specified services at a fee set by the carrier; and applying the Act to dental provider contracts issued, renewed, or amended in the State on or after October 1, 2011.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 720 **Senator Mathias****COMMERCIAL FISHING APPRENTICESHIP PERMIT – ELIGIBILITY**

Providing that specified practical commercial fishing experience obtained in specified jurisdictions by specified individuals applies toward the requirements for obtaining a commercial tidal fishing license through the commercial fishing apprenticeship permit; requiring an apprenticeship permittee to obtain the required practical experience within 10 years before applying for a commercial fishing license or authorization; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 768 **Senators Ramirez and Frosh****CHILD ABUSE – OUT OF COURT STATEMENTS OF CHILD VICTIMS**

Altering the age for the admission into evidence of a specified out of court statement made by a child victim; adding specified counselors and therapists to the list of specified professionals to whom a child victim's out of court statement was made and who may testify concerning the statement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 859 **Delegate Dumais, et al****CHILD ABUSE – OUT OF COURT STATEMENTS OF CHILD VICTIMS**

Altering the age for the admission into evidence of a specified out of court statement made by a child victim; adding specified counselors and therapists to the list of specified professionals to whom a child victim's out of court statement was made and who may testify concerning the statement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 885**Senator Garagiola****MOTOR VEHICLE INSURERS – STANDARDS FOR CANCELLATION OR REFUSAL OF INSURANCE – DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED BY ALCOHOL**

Establishing that a conviction for driving while impaired by alcohol is among the standards that may be applied by an insurer for purposes of canceling or refusing to underwrite or renew a particular insurance risk or class of risk with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 901**Senator Miller****MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – SITE PLAN APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

Authorizing the County Council for Prince George’s County, sitting as the district council, to review Planning Board decisions on site plans; authorizing a party of record to appeal specified decisions by the Planning Board to the district council; requiring the district council to decide whether to review the final approval or disapproval of a detailed site plan within 30 days from the date the final approval or disapproval was issued; authorizing the district council to revoke delegations of approval authority; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 902**Senator Miller****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PUBLIC ETHICS REQUIREMENTS – LIMITATIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO SLATES CONTAINING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND ON PARTICIPATION OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN LAND USE APPLICATIONS**

Prohibiting payments to slates that include a member of the County Council for Prince George’s County or the Prince George’s County Executive during the pendency of specified land use applications; altering the restriction on participation in specified planning and zoning matters by a member of the County Council for Prince George’s County who received a specified political contribution or who belonged to a slate that received a specified contribution within a specified time period; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 926**Senator Glassman, et al****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
CONTINUING CARE FACILITY FOR AGED – BEER, WINE AND
LIQUOR LICENSE**

Establishing a Class CCFA (continuing care facility for the aged) beer, wine and liquor license in Harford County; specifying that the Liquor Control Board may issue a Class CCFA license to an organization that provides specified care, is licensed as a specified institution, is certified by a specified department, is exempt from federal income tax, and is located in Harford County; providing that specified prohibitions do not apply to the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 948**Senator Glassman, et al****HARFORD COUNTY – ONE OR TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS
CONSTRUCTED AS INDUSTRIALIZED BUILDINGS –
SPRINKLER SYSTEM REQUIREMENT**

Establishing the date for complying with the requirement for installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems in one– or two–family dwellings constructed as industrialized buildings in Harford County; making the Act an emergency measure; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2011.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 58**Delegate Costa****COMMUNITY SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT RATE
COMMISSION – TERMINATION DATE – EXTENSION**

Extending the termination date for the Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission to September 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 62**Anne Arundel County Delegation****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT –
PROPERTY LEASED TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or of a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property leased to a public charter school and used exclusively for primary or secondary educational purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 86**The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BOND**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$15,902,000, the proceeds to be used as grants to the Interagency Committee on School Construction and the Maryland State Department of Education for specified development or improvement purposes; providing for the disbursement of the loan proceeds and the further grant of funds to eligible school systems for specified purposes, subject to a requirement that the grantees document the provision of a required federal matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 102**Delegates Stifler and Conaway****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting a person subject to regulation as a mortgage loan originator from making a payment, threat, or promise for the purpose of influencing another person to violate specified federal or State law or professional standards in connection with a mortgage loan or loan application; prohibiting a specified person from making a payment, threat, or promise to an appraiser of residential real estate in order to influence the independent judgment of the appraiser, and from engaging in specified other acts and practices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 105**Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)****VEHICLE LAWS – RACES AND SPEED CONTESTS – ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES**

Authorizing a police officer to arrest without a warrant a person for driving a vehicle in a specified race or speed contest that results in serious bodily injury to another person under specified circumstances; and establishing a penalty of a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both, for a specified violation that results in serious bodily injury to another person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 108 Delegate Feldman**BUSINESS REGULATION – STATE AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the State Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board to remove one consumer member and add one representative of amusement ride rental operators; and requiring that the race and gender composition of the Board reflect the composition of the population of the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 110 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**VEHICLE LAWS – WEIGHT AND AXLE LOAD LIMITS**

Repealing a requirement relating to the measurement of the distance between coupled axles for purposes of applying weight limitations; repealing specified weight limitations; repealing an exception; altering weight limits for over-the-road buses and specified vehicles used as intrastate public agency transit passenger buses; specifying weight limit tolerances for vehicles that use technology to reduce fuel use and emissions from engine idling under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 112 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**VEHICLE EQUIPMENT – PUBLIC TRANSIT VEHICLES – FLASHING LIGHTS**

Authorizing a public transit service vehicle to be equipped with and to display amber flashing lights, or a white flashing light installed on the roof of the vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 133 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)

COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – JUVENILE RECORDS – ACCESS BY THE DIVISION OF PRETRIAL DETENTION AND SERVICES

Establishing that specified laws relating to the confidentiality of juvenile records do not prohibit a juvenile court record from being accessed and used by the Maryland Division of Pretrial Detention and Services under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 136 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)

FAMILY LAW – PROTECTIVE ORDERS – NOTIFICATION OF SERVICE

Requiring that the electronic system used to notify the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services of the service of a temporary protective order on a specified respondent be approved and provided by the Department; and extending to the end of December 31, 2013, the termination date of provisions of law that provide for notice of service on a respondent or specified protective orders.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 156 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

HEALTH INSURANCE – SMALL GROUP MARKET – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending until the end of December 31, 2013, the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to health insurance policies for self-employed individuals in the small group insurance market.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 160 Baltimore County Delegation

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

Requiring the Baltimore County Board of Education to develop and operate a specified Web site that includes information about specified payments; specifying parameters of the Web site; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 176 Delegate Eckardt**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – EXEMPTIONS**

Reducing from 9 years to 5 years the number of years required after retirement for retirees of the Employees' Retirement or Pension System or the Teachers' Retirement or Pension System to be exempt from an earnings offset of their retirement allowance when reemployed by specified employers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 183 Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al**STATE BOARD OF NURSING – ELECTROLOGISTS – EXAMINATION AND LICENSE TERM**

Authorizing the State Board of Nursing to approve an examination and clinical examination relating to the licensure of electrologists; and altering the term of a license to 2 years from 1 year beginning on January 1, 2013.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 197 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS CLAIMS – APPEALS – FINALITY OF ORDER**

Establishing that decisions relating to unemployment insurance benefits claims that are appealed to the Lower Appeals Division or the Board of Appeals in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation are final after 10 days after specified notice has been delivered to the individual or employer who appealed the determination of the unemployment insurance benefits claim.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 198 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – AUTHORITY OF COMMISSIONER
OF FINANCIAL REGULATION – INFORMATION SHARING**

Authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Regulation, under specified circumstances, to enter into cooperative and information-sharing agreements and to exchange information about a financial institution with any federal or state law enforcement agency and to enter into cooperative or information-sharing agreements with the Office of Foreign Assets Control; prohibiting the Commissioner from disclosing a specified record to any person requesting the record under the Maryland Freedom of Information Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 203 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –
Departmental – State Police)**

**JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS – STATE
LICENSING LAWS – APPLICABILITY AND EXEMPTIONS**

Repealing a provision exempting specified counties from specified State licensing laws on junk dealers and scrap metal processors; exempting specified licensed dealers and pawnbrokers from the scope of specified State licensing laws on junk dealers and scrap metal processors; repealing specified licensing provisions for Calvert County junk dealers and scrap metal processors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 204 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Transportation)**

**VEHICLE LAWS – COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES ENGAGED
IN INTRASTATE COMMERCE – MINIMUM SECURITY
REQUIREMENTS**

Extending to for-hire vehicles engaged in intrastate commerce that exceed a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 pounds and are designed to carry property, the authority of the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations in conformance with federal standards establishing specific minimum levels of required security for commercial vehicles.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

HB 210 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

ENVIRONMENT – MINING – ACID MINE DRAINAGE ABATEMENT AND TREATMENT FUND

Conforming State law to federal law as it relates to the percentage of funding available for specified acid mine drainage activities.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 215 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems)

STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS

Exempting specified law enforcement officers from specified requirements relating to providing emergency medical services in the State; prohibiting the use of the term “emergency medical responder” unless the individual is licensed or certified to provide emergency medical services; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 217 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION – TRANSFERS BETWEEN FACILITIES

Authorizing the Director of the Mental Hygiene Administration to transfer individuals from a public mental health facility to the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center under specified circumstances; requiring the Director to give specified individuals notice and an opportunity for a hearing before the Office of Administrative Hearings; providing that decisions of administrative law judges made under the Act are final; authorizing the Director to transfer individuals between public mental health facilities; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 258 Delegate Beitzel

GARRETT COUNTY – TAX SALES – AUCTIONEER’S FEES

Altering the auctioneer’s fee allowed as an expense and a lien against property to be sold at specified tax sales in Garrett County to be \$8 for each property sold.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 265 Delegate B. Robinson, et al**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION –
INSPECTIONS OF LICENSEES – PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
OF SURVEYORS**

Requiring the Developmental Disabilities Administration or its agent to evaluate periodically, for a specified purpose, the performance of surveyors who carry out inspections of sites or offices operated by a licensee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 280 Carroll County Delegation**CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$16,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Carroll County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 298 Delegates Pena–Melnik and Braveboy**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WAGE PAYMENT AND
COLLECTION – VOID AGREEMENTS**

Establishing that an agreement between an employer and employee for the employee to work for less than the wage required under law to be paid to the employee is void.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 349 Delegate Simmons**PEACE ORDERS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – SHIELDING OF
RECORDS – ORDERS ISSUED AGAINST RESPONDENT**

Limiting a condition under which the court is required to shield all court records relating to a peace order or protective order proceeding by requiring, as a prerequisite of shielding, the absence of a previously issued final peace order or protective order against the respondent or a pending interim or temporary peace order or protective order against the respondent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 355 Delegate Schulz, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – HUNTING – JUNIOR DEER HUNT**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish by regulation and by July 1 each year a junior deer hunt to occur on specified days during a deer hunting season; prohibiting the regulations from authorizing the junior deer hunt to occur on specified Sundays in specified counties; authorizing specified persons who are 16 years of age and younger to participate in the junior deer hunt under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 376 Allegany County Delegation**ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASS B–BT (BUFFET THEATER) LICENSE**

Altering in Allegany County the types of entertainment that an establishment may provide to its customers to be eligible for a Class B–BT (Buffet Theater) beer, light wine and liquor license to include live acoustic–style music and feature films.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 377 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION FACILITIES – REPEAL OF PROVISIONS THAT RELATE TO CLOSED FACILITIES**

Repealing provisions of law in the Health – General Article that relate to Mental Hygiene Administration facilities that have closed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 378 Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al**STATE BOARD OF NURSING – MEDICATION TECHNICIAN GRADUATES AND CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIANS**

Extending from 90 days to 180 days the time period during which a medication technician graduate may practice without certification from the State Board of Nursing; authorizing specified medication technicians to practice for a specified time period while the State Board of Nursing processes a specified application; requiring the State Board of Nursing to provide a specified report to committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2011; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 486**Delegate Conway, et al****EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUSES – INSPECTIONS AND LENGTH OF OPERATION**

Authorizing specified school bus inspections to be valid in specified counties under specified circumstances; and repealing the termination date for a provision of law that alters the length of time a school bus may be operated in Somerset County, Wicomico County, and Worcester County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 499**Delegates Szeliga and A. Miller****ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – EXEMPTION – HOT AIR BALLOONS**

Providing that the admissions and amusement tax may not be imposed by a county or municipal corporation on gross receipts derived from any charge for admission to or use of a nontethered hot air balloon.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 505**St. Mary's County Delegation****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – PUBLIC ETHICS LAW**

Defining each commissioner and employee of the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission as a "local official" for the purposes of the St. Mary's County Public Ethics Law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 509**Delegate Niemann****REAL PROPERTY – MORTGAGES – ENFORCEMENT**

Clarifying the authority of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to enforce the provisions of the Protection of Homeowners in Foreclosure Act (PHIFA) and the Maryland Mortgage Fraud Protection Act (MMFPA) by exercising specified investigative and enforcement powers of the Commissioner; authorizing the Commissioner to seek a specified injunction; authorizing the Commissioner to require a violator of PHIFA and MMFPA to take affirmative actions, including restitution, to correct the violation; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 522 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS**

Adding St. Mary's County to provisions of law relating to the Cecil County Correctional Officers' Bill of Rights; and altering the definition of "correctional officer" to exclude a correctional officer who is in probationary status on the officer's initial entry into the correctional agency, except if an allegation of brutality in the execution of the officer's duties is made against the officer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 523 Delegates Rosenberg and Dumais**COURTS – FEE FOR THE SPECIAL ADMISSION OF AN OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEY – JANET L. HOFFMAN LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM**

Requiring the State Court Administrator to assess a \$100 fee for the special admission of an out-of-state attorney and to pay \$75 of the fee into the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program; requiring funds for the Program to be allocated to specified individuals who have received a graduate degree from a school of law; and providing that funds for the Program include money paid to the Program from the assessment of the fee for the special admission of an out-of-state attorney.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 558 Delegates Barve and Branch**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Expanding the scope of an existing property tax credit for specified real property owned by Habitat for Humanity to include undeveloped land to be relinquished in the near future; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 581 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**FAMILY LAW – DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS PROGRAM – EVALUATION AND REPORT**

Making it discretionary, rather than mandatory, for the Secretary of Human Resources to evaluate periodically the programs of a multipurpose service center for displaced homemakers and to report annually to the General Assembly on the center and its programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 598**Delegate Davis****INJURED WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND – EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION**

Providing that employees of the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund are not subject to specified laws, regulations, or executive orders governing State employee compensation; and repealing a requirement that the Board for the Fund set compensation for its employees in accordance with the State pay plan.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 601**Delegate Olszewski, et al****SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES TAX CREDIT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program to allow the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust to accept a commercial rehabilitation credit application for which the proposed rehabilitation work has begun if the rehabilitation work has been approved under the federal historic tax credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 602**Delegate Summers, et al****ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING AT TRANSIT STATIONS – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration and the State Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, jointly to study and make recommendations relating to the establishment of a recycling program at transit stations; requiring the recommendations to be reported to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2011; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 630**Delegates Beidle and Vitale****BUILDING STANDARDS – HIGH-PERFORMANCE HOMES**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to encourage the construction of new residential structures as high-performance homes; and defining the term “high-performance home”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 634 Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –
REEMPLOYMENT EARNINGS OFFSET – RETIREE HEALTH
CARE PREMIUMS**

Limiting the reemployment earnings offset for reemployed retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System to an amount not less than what is required to be deducted for the retiree's monthly State-approved medical insurance; requiring the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to recover from a retiree a specified amount under specified circumstances, by a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 674 Delegate Cullison, et al**EDUCATION – HUMAN TRAFFICKING – AWARENESS,
TRAINING, AND DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to provide awareness and training for Directors of Student Services in local education agencies on human trafficking; and requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with experts in the field of human trafficking prevention, to provide to the State Department of Education specified information and materials on human trafficking.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 679 Delegate Stein**REAL PROPERTY – CONDOMINIUMS – AMENDMENT TO
BYLAWS TO REQUIRE UNIT INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Authorizing the council of unit owners of a condominium to amend the bylaws of the condominium, by at least 51% majority, for the purpose of requiring all unit owners to maintain condominium unit owner insurance policies on their units; authorizing the bylaws of a condominium to require each unit owner to maintain a condominium owner insurance policy on the unit; and requiring specified bylaws to require each unit owner to provide evidence of specified insurance coverage to the council of unit owners annually.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 700 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY – HOTEL RENTAL TAX RATE HO. CO. 6–11**

Increasing from 5 to 7 percent the maximum sales or use tax rate that Howard County is authorized to impose on room rentals in the county for sleeping accommodations for transients; requiring Howard County to distribute revenue attributable to a specified tax rate imposed by Howard County to specified entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 751 Delegate Luedtke, et al**AGRICULTURE – JANE LAWTON FARM–TO–SCHOOL PROGRAM – REPORTING**

Requiring each local educational agency participating in the Jane Lawton Farm–to–School Program to report by January 1 each year to the Department of Agriculture the types and amounts of farm products purchased from farms in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 789 Delegate Stein**DRIVER’S LICENSE APPLICATIONS – COSIGNER FOR MINORS – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Requiring an application of a minor for a driver’s license to be cosigned by the director of a local department of social services or the director’s designee if the license applicant is committed to the custody or guardianship of the local department of social services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 831 Delegate S. Robinson, et al**AGRICULTURE – INVASIVE PLANTS – PREVENTION AND CONTROL**

Establishing the Invasive Plants Advisory Committee in the Department of Agriculture; providing for the membership and charge of the Committee; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to adopt regulations relating to invasive plants by October 1, 2012; prohibiting specified activities involving specified invasive plants under specified circumstances; authorizing the Secretary to take specified action upon finding invasive plants; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 849 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)

PUBLIC SAFETY – SMOKE DETECTORS AND SMOKE ALARMS

Clarifying that a person may sell or install smoke detectors, smoke alarms, and specialized smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing only in accordance with the State Fire Prevention Code; repealing a requirement that each manufacturer that commercially sells or offers for sale a smoke detection system obtain approval of each model of smoke detector from the State Fire Marshal; and repealing a specified application fee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 876 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)

FAMILY LAW – SINGLE PARENT SERVICES – REPEAL

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to single parent services programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 877 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development) (By Request – Departmental – Planning)

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES, DESIGNATED NEIGHBORHOODS, AND PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS – MISCELLANEOUS CORRECTIONS

Replacing obsolete references to “designated neighborhoods” with references to “sustainable communities”; excluding specified areas from consideration as priority funding areas under specified provisions of law; providing that specified areas that were designated as priority funding areas on or before January 1, 2010, shall retain the designation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 890**Delegate Kach, et al****LAND PRESERVATION – LAND DRAINING TO A RESERVOIR**

Requiring a local governing body to consider whether specified land drains into a reservoir in the State in prioritizing applications to sell specified easements under the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program; and adding to the list of land conservation priorities that the Secretary of Natural Resources is required to consider in allocating the State's share of funds under Program Open Space.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 900**Carroll County Delegation****CARROLL COUNTY – FORTUNE TELLING BAN – REPEAL**

Repealing a provision that prohibits a person from demanding or accepting payment or gratuity to forecast or foretell, or pretend to forecast or foretell, the future of another person by specified methods in Carroll County; and repealing a penalty.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 944**Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – MORTGAGE LENDERS AND MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS**

Requiring a person who is exempt from State mortgage lender licensing requirements and employs a licensed mortgage loan originator to register with the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry; requiring a mortgage lender license applicant and licensee to provide fingerprints for submission to specified governmental agencies or entities for a state, national, or international criminal history background check; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 966 Delegate O'Donnell, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – RESTRICTED WATERS FOR SHELLFISH HARVESTING – TESTING**

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in determining whether to restrict or lift any restrictions on an area for the catching or storing of shellfish, to use the most reliable available tests to determine whether a shellfish production area poses a risk to consumer health and to rule out contaminants that do not pose a risk to consumer health, including bacteria from vegetation; and requiring the Department on or before December 31, 2011, to reconsider the designation of restricted waters.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 1016 Calvert County Delegation**CALVERT COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$12,325,000 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Calvert County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 1030 Cecil County Delegation**CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS – SUNDAY SALES HOURS**

Altering the hours during which specified licensees in Cecil County may sell specified alcoholic beverages on Sunday; exempting specified holders of specified classes of beer, wine and liquor licenses from paying a specified license fee under specified circumstances; authorizing specified licensees to conduct specified sales of specified alcoholic beverages within specified times; authorizing specified licensees to permit the use and consumption of alcoholic beverages between specified hours on specified days; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1047 Delegate Glenn**RENTAL HOUSING – TENANT VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT – LEASE PAYMENT OBLIGATION**

Limiting the liability under a residential lease if a tenant victim of domestic violence or sexual assault terminates the lease and vacates the premises; and authorizing the tenant victim to terminate future liability under the lease except for a specified period of time after providing notice of an intent to vacate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1049 Delegate Vaughn, et al**REAL ESTATE BROKERS – INTRACOMPANY AGENTS**

Authorizing a designee of a real estate broker to designate two members of a team as intracompany agents for the seller and the buyer in the same transaction under specified circumstances; and prohibiting the broker's designee from being a member of the real estate team under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1082 Delegates Braveboy and Hucker**HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – MODEL INFORMATION – PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COUNSEL**

Requiring specified insurers to make arrangements for the vendor of a specified risk planning model to explain to the People's Insurance Counsel the data used in the model and the manner in which the output is obtained; and requiring the Counsel to maintain the confidentiality of specified information.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 1085 Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al**DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES – DISCRETIONARY CLAUSES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the use of specified discretionary clauses in disability insurance policies; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1109 Delegate Vaughn**REAL PROPERTY – RESCISSION OF SALES CONTRACTS – RETURN OF DEPOSITS**

Requiring the return of a deposit held by a real estate broker to a purchaser who rescinds a contract to purchase a residential dwelling, a cooperative interest, a condominium unit, or a lot in a homeowners association to comply with the law governing the maintenance and disposition of trust money by a real estate broker under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1118 Delegate Valderrama, et al**CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – HEARINGS – WRITTEN FINDINGS**

Requiring the juvenile court, in specified child in need of assistance hearings, to send written findings to specified individuals and agencies if the court finds that specified reasonable efforts were made but that a specified condition exists.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1193 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Budget and Management)**VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – MILITARY DEPARTMENT**

Altering the definition of “Department” to require the Military Department, instead of the Department of Budget and Management, to receive and review specified information from the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and report on use of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee on an annual basis.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 1208**Delegate Wilson, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – EXEMPTION FROM TUITION FOR FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS – ELIGIBILITY AGE**

Altering from 21 to 25 the age before which foster care recipients must be enrolled at public institutions of higher education to be exempt from paying specified tuition; and altering from 21 to 25 the age before which foster care recipients must be enrolled as candidates for specified degrees to not be required to pay the difference between the amount of specified scholarships or grants and the amount of specified tuition.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 1212**St. Mary's County Delegation****ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION**

Repealing a requirement that a new position with the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission be subject to prior approval of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County; authorizing the Commission to appoint, discharge at pleasure, and fix the compensation of a General Counsel; prohibiting the Director from serving concurrently as the Director and as General Counsel to the Commission; requiring the Commission to adopt or approve, with prior approval of the County Commissioners, plans and a capital budget; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1233**Delegate Frick****INCOME TAX – WITHHOLDING STATEMENTS – ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

Reducing to 25 the number of income tax withholding statements that a payor must be required to submit in order to be required to submit the information electronically; repealing an obsolete provision; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 1253 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Community Initiative)**

**COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND
CULTURE – MEMBERS AND DUTIES**

Increasing to 21 the number of members of the Commission on African American History and Culture; repealing the requirement that the Commission survey historic buildings, sites, artifacts, archives, and repositories, and publish and disseminate the results; repealing the requirement that the Commission plan, coordinate, and implement the State's annual official observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday; altering the requirement that the Commission receive and administer specified money for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1310 Delegate Conway

**TAX SUPPORTED DEBT – ENERGY PERFORMANCE
CONTRACTS**

Providing that tax supported debt does not include specified capital leases used to finance energy performance contracts; excluding specified capital leases from the requirement that the Treasurer capitalize specified capital lease payments; restating the authority of the Treasurer to finance specified energy performance contracts as capital leases; and requiring that specified capital lease payments or specified contractor payments may not exceed specified energy savings.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011